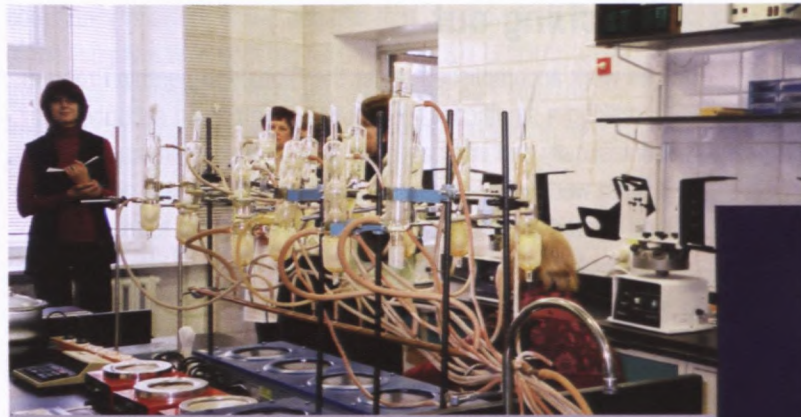


Canada has also developed a biological safety (biosafety) and biological security (biosecurity) strategy under the Global Partnership Program. Based on consultations with Russian/FSU and other international partners, Canada's activities are aimed at:

- assisting with the development and implementation of effective and practical biosafety/biosecurity standards;
- assisting with the establishment of national and/or regional biosafety associations in Russia and other countries of the FSU;
- providing biosafety/biosecurity training; and
- funding required biosafety/biosecurity upgrades at facilities of priority non-proliferation concern.

In fiscal year 2005-2006, Canadian activities included support for the following:

- the initiation of a methodical series of visits to priority biological institutes in Russia, Belarus and Ukraine in order to evaluate the scope and need for biosafety/biosecurity projects under the ISTC and STCU;
- discussions via the International Biosafety Working Group Meeting concerning the establishment of a Russian Biosafety Association;
- support for a workshop at a Russian American Nuclear Security Advisory Council (RANSAC) conference on "Advancing International Cooperation on Bio-Initiatives in Russia and the CIS" in April 2005 to raise public awareness and to provide a forum to advance bio-threat reduction initiatives in Russia;
- agreement with the Henry L. Stimson Center and financial support for the initial stages of the "Pathogens for Peace Initiative". The Global Partnership Program has contributed to a one-year scoping study to identify opportunities investments in the sustainable redirection of former Soviet BW scientists to advance the research, development and production of vaccines and other therapeutic drugs in developing states;
- participation in the American Biological Safety Association (ABSA)'s annual conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, in October 2005. Canada also provided support for attendance by experts from Belarus, Kazakhstan and Russia;
- completion of the translation into Russian of the Canadian Laboratory Biosafety Guidelines (third edition, 2004) and the "Containment Level 3 Facilities" training video of the Office of Laboratory Security, Public Health Agency of Canada.



*Assistance in biosafety and biosecurity is essential to prevent terrorists from acquiring deadly biological agents*



*Scientists visiting the new Life Sciences Center at the University of British Columbia to learn about constructing a modern containment laboratory*



*Under the Biological Non-Proliferation Program, Canada is providing training in modern biosafety practices and equipment*